**Suicides by farmers**

† 1809. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of suicides by farmers which have come to the light during the last five years;

(b) the total loan of the banks out-standing against those farmers;

(c) whether Government have taken any action to waive those those loans; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) A Statement on this is given as Statement (See below)

(b) The necessary information is being obtained and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) In the special rehabilitation package that has been recently announced for the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, there is provision for waiver of overdue interest on agricultural loans as on 30th June, 2006. Instruction have been issued by RBI/NABARD for providing interest waiver.

***Statement***

*Cases of Suicides by Farmers during the last five years*

| SI. No. | Name of the State | Period | No. (Based on the figures reported by State Governments) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2001-02 | 267 |
| | | 2002-03 | 313 |
| | | 2003-04 | 393 |
| | | 2004-05 | 1126 |
| | | 2005-06 | 300 |
| | | 2006-07(upto 31 -5-2006) | 11 |
| 2. | Karnataka | 2001-02 | 2505 |
| | | 2002-03 | 2340 |
| | | 2003-04 | 708 |
| | | 2004-05 | 271 |
| | | 2005-06 | 152 |

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| S. N | Name of the State | Period | No. (Based on the figures reported by State Governments) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2006-07(upto 31-5-2006) | 7 |
| 3. | Maharashtra | 2001 | 50 |
| | | 2002 | 122 |
| | | 2003 | 170 |
| | | 2004 | 620 |
| | | 2005 | 572 |
| | | 2006(upto June 30) | 746 |
| 4. | Punjab | 2002-03 | Nil |
| | | 2003-04 | *2* |
| | | 2004-05 | Nil |
| | | 2005-06(upto 30.6.2005) | Nil |
| 5. | Kerala | 2001 | 56 |
| | | 2002 | 69 |
| | | 2003 | 74 |
| | | 2004 | 135 |
| | | 2005 | 120 |
| | | 2006(upto June) | 52 |
| 6. | Orissa | 2001-02 | 2 |
| | | 2002-03 | 1 |
| | | 2003-04 | Nil |
| | | 2004-05(upto 28-2-2005) | Nil |
| | | 2005-06(1-3-05 to 30-9-2005) | 5 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 2001 | 13 |
| | | 2002 | 6 |
| | | 2003 | Nil |
| | | 2004 | 4 |
| | | 2005 | 1 |

Note: (i) In respect of Karnataka, the figures for the years 2000-01 to 2002-2003 are based on the records with the State Crime Records Bureau and for the subsequent years on the basis of records maintained by the State Agriculture Department.

(ii) The Punjab Government has recently intimated that between 1997 to Sept., 2005,179 farmers committed suicides because of various reasons, but without year-wise break-up.